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heritage fish water under this section. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 22

H.P. 195 - L.D. 224

An Act To Provide for Minimum Wage and Overtime Coverage for Certain Domestic Workers

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§3, ¶B is amended to read:

B. ~~Any~~ An individual employed in domestic service in or about a private home and engaged directly by the resident or owner of that private home or the family of the resident or homeowner;

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §663, sub-§3, ¶J is amended to read:

J. Members of the family of the employer who reside with and are dependent upon the employer; and

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 23

S.P. 129 - L.D. 382

An Act To Correct an Inconsistency in Unemployment Insurance Tax Law

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1221, sub-§5, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 16, §7, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 24

H.P. 743 - L.D. 983

An Act To More Clearly Define Maple Syrup

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the amended definition of the term "maple syrup" in this legislation must be in effect for the 2007 maple syrup marketing season; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §892-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 326, §2, is amended to read:

D. "Maple syrup," which may also be spelled "maple sirop" or "maple sirup," means the liquid derived by concentration and heat treatment of the sap of ~~the maple tree~~ maple trees, (Acer) or by the solution in water of maple sugar or maple concentrate made from such sap. The solids content of maple syrup may not be less than 66% by weight or more than 69% by weight, as measured in Brix units at a temperature of 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 2, 2007.

CHAPTER 25

S.P. 245 - L.D. 796

An Act To Create the Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6978 is enacted to read:

§6978. Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund

The Endangered or Threatened Marine Species Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department.

1. Sources. The commissioner may receive donations and funding from any source on behalf of the fund.

2. Purpose; use of fund. The purpose of the fund is to support activities related to the management of endangered or threatened marine species. All money received into the fund must be used for the purposes of the fund.

3. Interest and balances credited to fund. Any interest earned on the money in the fund must be cred-